

**REMARKS**

The above amendments to the claims have been made to eliminate the multiple dependencies therein. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. The abstract has been added to conform the application to the published PCT Application No. WO 03/106058.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the abstract and the claims as amended.

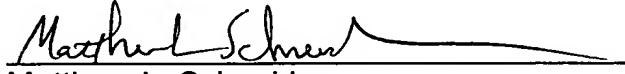
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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